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A Note from the Publisher

Here we are at issue #49! It's the final countdown on High Society, and I'm beginning to feel some tension about the issues following #50. When Dave began doing High Society, I wasn't too sure if I would like Cerebus in a political story. Now it seems the shoe is on the other foot and I don't know what to think about reading Cerebus without all the political strategies and power struggles. I suppose that any change does take some getting use to.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who sent in their letters of encouragement to Karen and I when we started up the Cerebus Fan Club. The mail has been just fantastic, and if we had any doubts about taking the fan club over, we know now that it has all been worth the work. The first newsletter (#6) has gone out and we are quite happy with the results. We already have some of the next newsletter organized, and hope to see some more art and articles before number eight goes out in August.

This next month or two is going to be a busy one for Dave and I. There are quite a few personal appearances scheduled (see letters column for places and dates) and we are hoping it will give us a chance to talk to our fans south of the 49th parallel. We have a Canadian Tour scheduled for July 1983 and a European Tour for April 1984, so it may be 1985 before we do a US Tour again. Therefore, weekend appearances seem to be the best way of getting around. I hope I will be seeing many of you over the next few months, and have a chance to talk to you about both Cerebus and alternative comics in general.

Until that time, this page will have to suffice (along with the daily mail).

I'll see you again next month.

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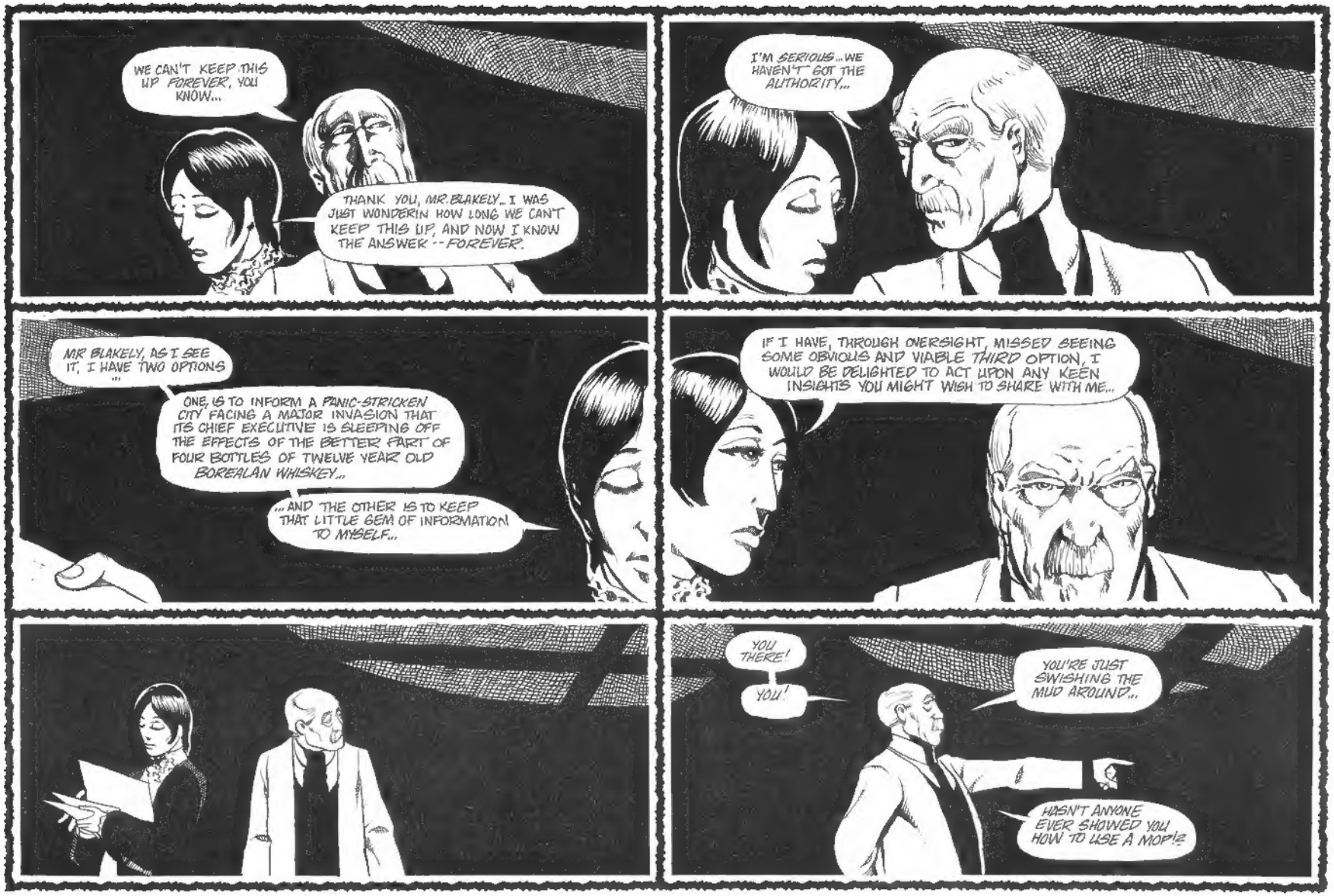
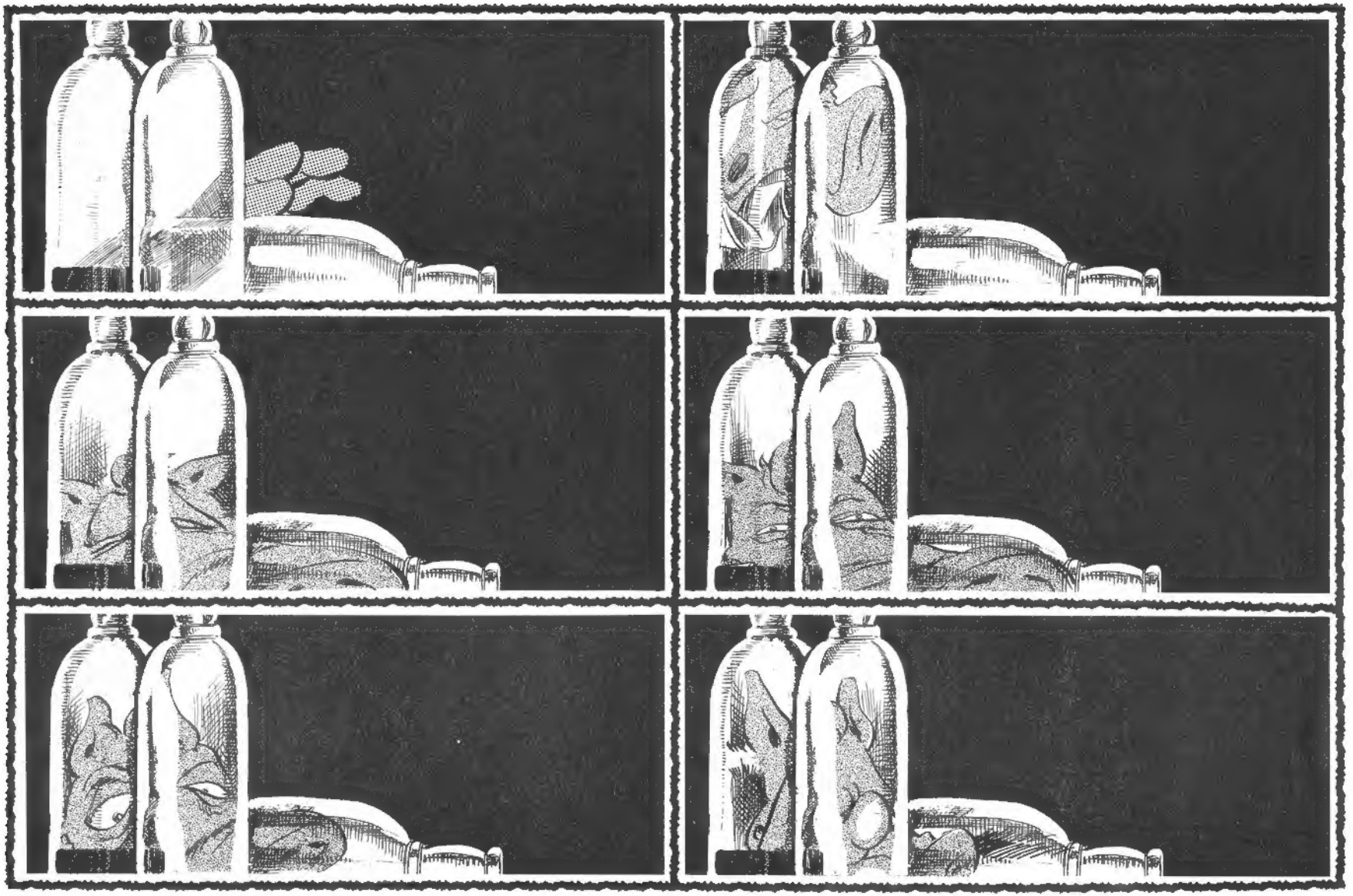
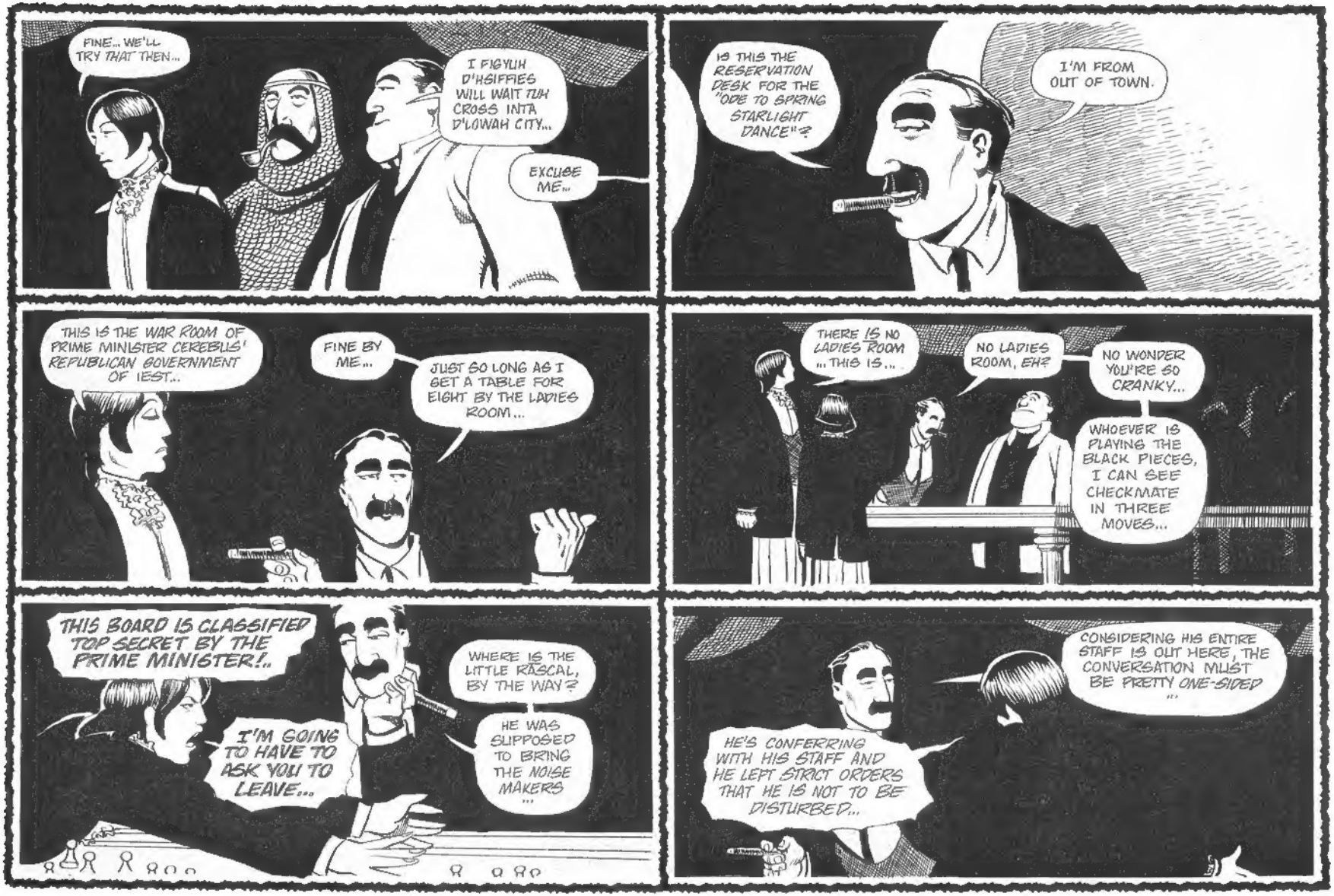
WE SHOULD BE GETTING NEW INFORMATION SOON...
WHUT I'M SAYIN' IS WE SHOULD HIT DEM ON DIS SIDE...
BE A GOOD LAD AND FIND ME A DAMP MOP, MM?

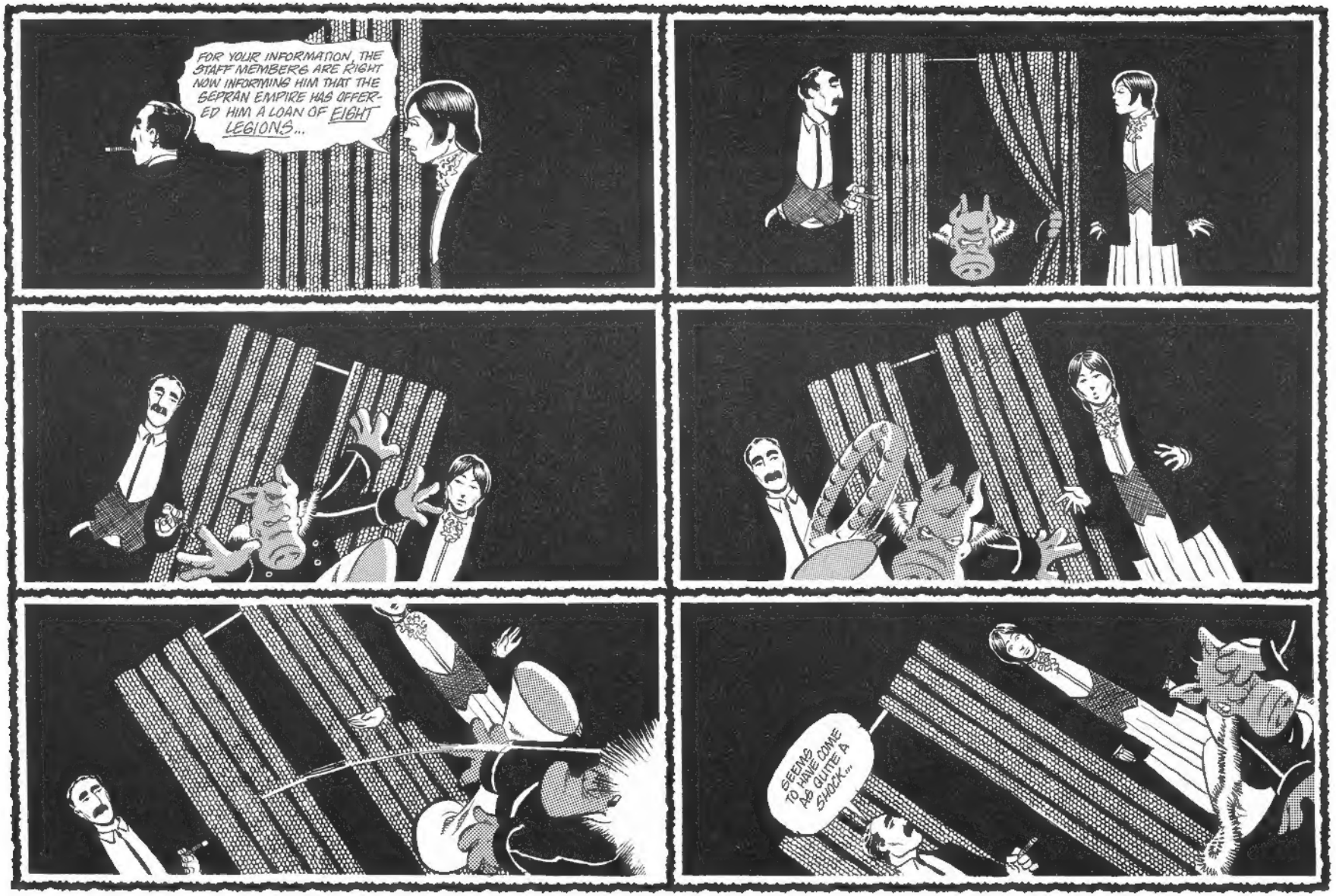
IF YOU WERE TO ASK ME, IT'S THE FAULT OF TH' BLEEDIN' BUREAUCRACY, DRAGGIN' THEIR FEET LIKE SOME RETARDED GREAT OAF WITH A BRAIN OF PUNGENT AND OVER-RIPE CHEESE ...
NEW REPORTS FROM OLDHAM, ASTORIA...

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO GET THE PRIME MINISTER'S SIGNATURE ON THOSE, AS WELL...
OH.
YES. OF COURSE ...
WAIT HERE.
MR. PRIME MINISTER?
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO DISTURB YOU...
NO, SIR...
JUST A COUPLE OF SIGNATURES ...
THANK YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER ...

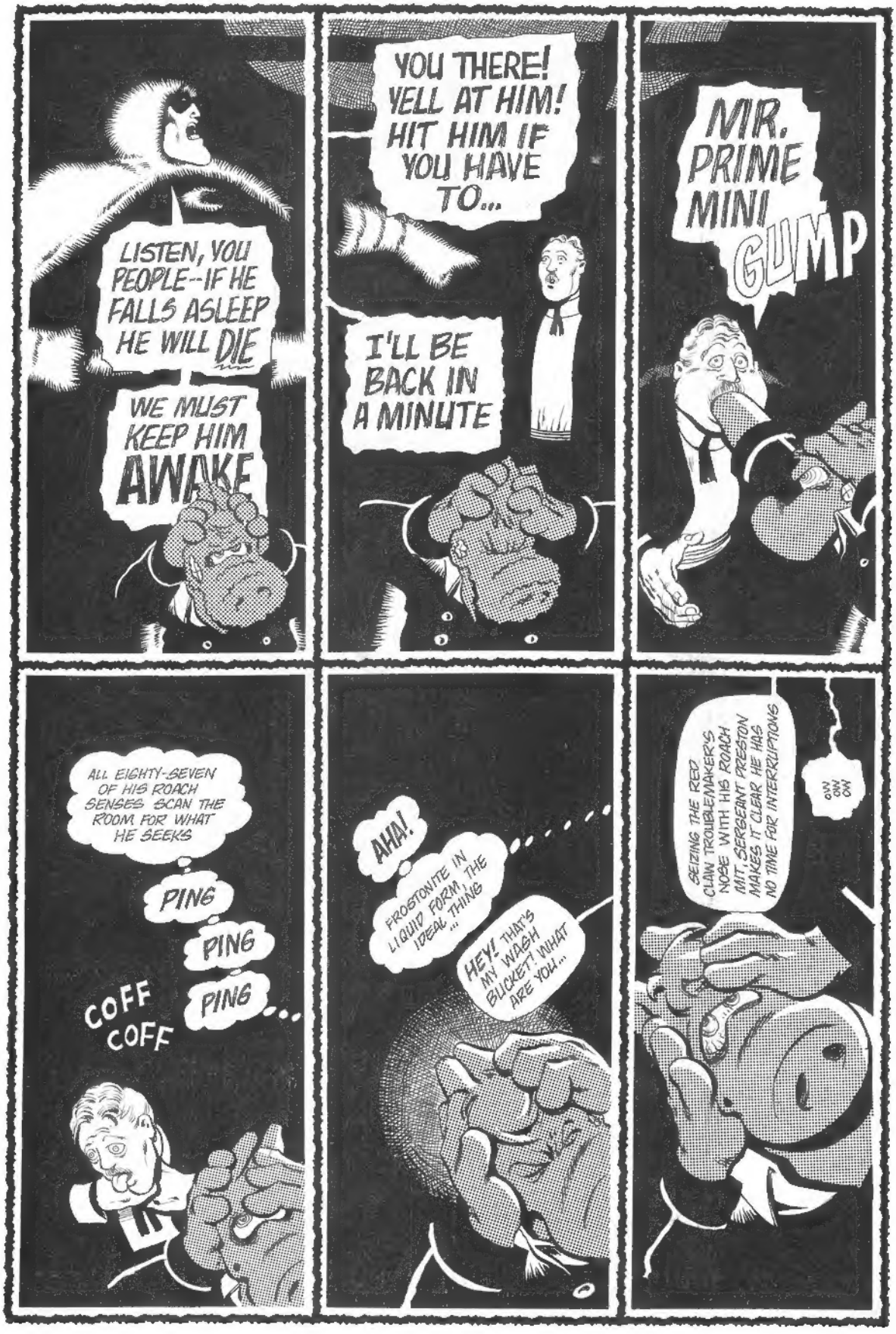

WE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOREVER, YOU KNOW...
THANK YOU, MR. BLAKELY... I WAS JUST WONDERIN HOW LONG WE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP, AND NOW I KNOW THE ANSWER -- FOREVER.
I'M SERIOUS... WE HAVEN'T GOT THE AUTHORITY...
MR BLAKELY, AS I SEE IT, I HAVE TWO OPTIONS ...
ONE, IS TO INFORM A PANIC-STRICKEN CITY FACING A MAJOR INVASION THAT ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE IS SLEEPING OFF THE EFFECTS OF THE BETTER PART OF FOUR BOTTLES OF TWELVE YEAR OLD BOREALAN WHISKEY...
... AND THE OTHER IS TO KEEP THAT LITTLE GEM OF INFORMATION TO MYSELF...
IF I HAVE, THROUGH OVERSIGHT, MISSED SEEING SOME OBVIOUS AND VIABLE THIRD OPTION, I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ACT UPON ANY KEEN INSIGHTS YOU MIGHT WISH TO SHARE WITH ME...
YOU THERE!
YOU!
YOU'RE JUST SWISHING THE MUD AROUND...
HASN'T ANYONE EVER SHOWED YOU HOW TO USE A MOP!?

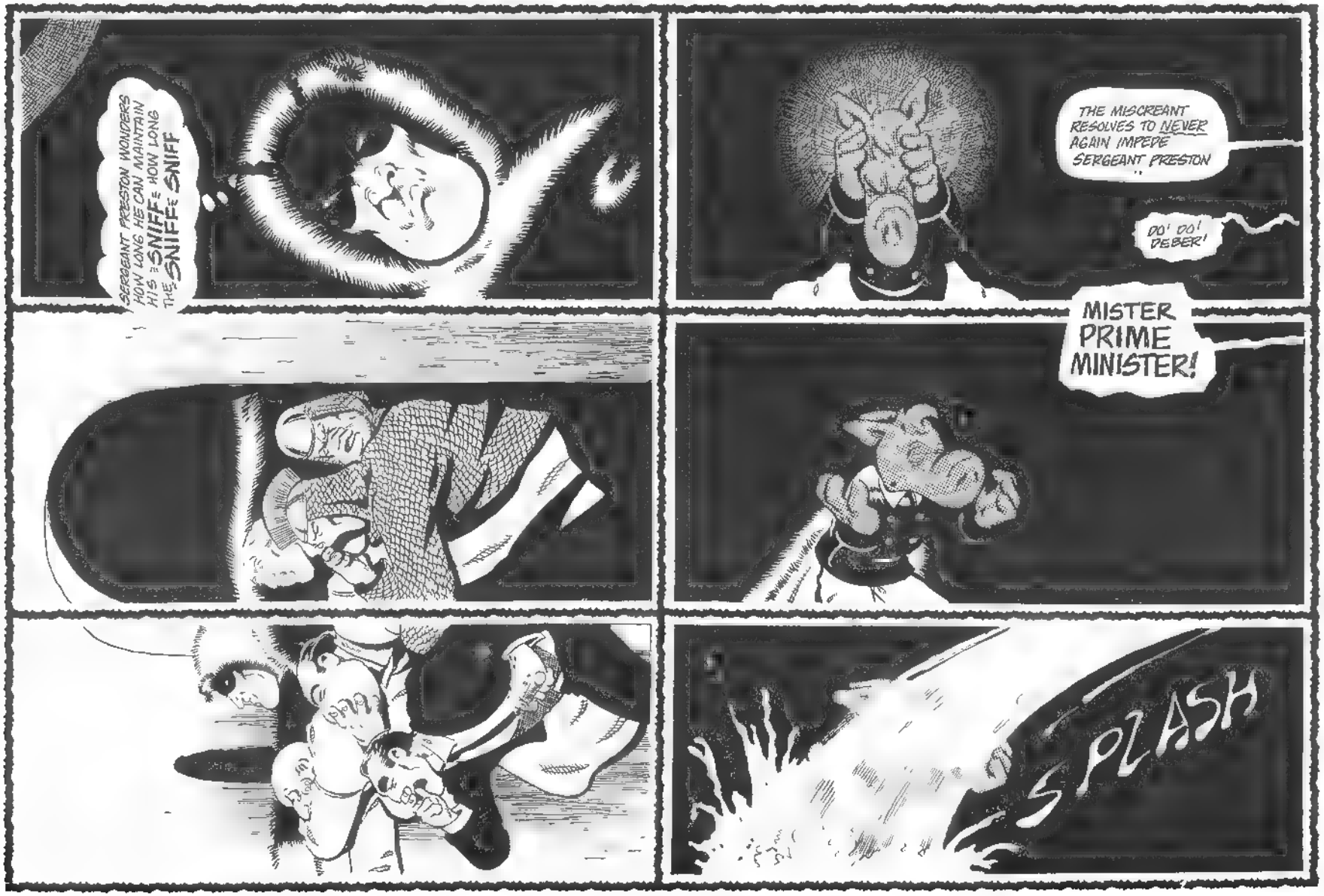


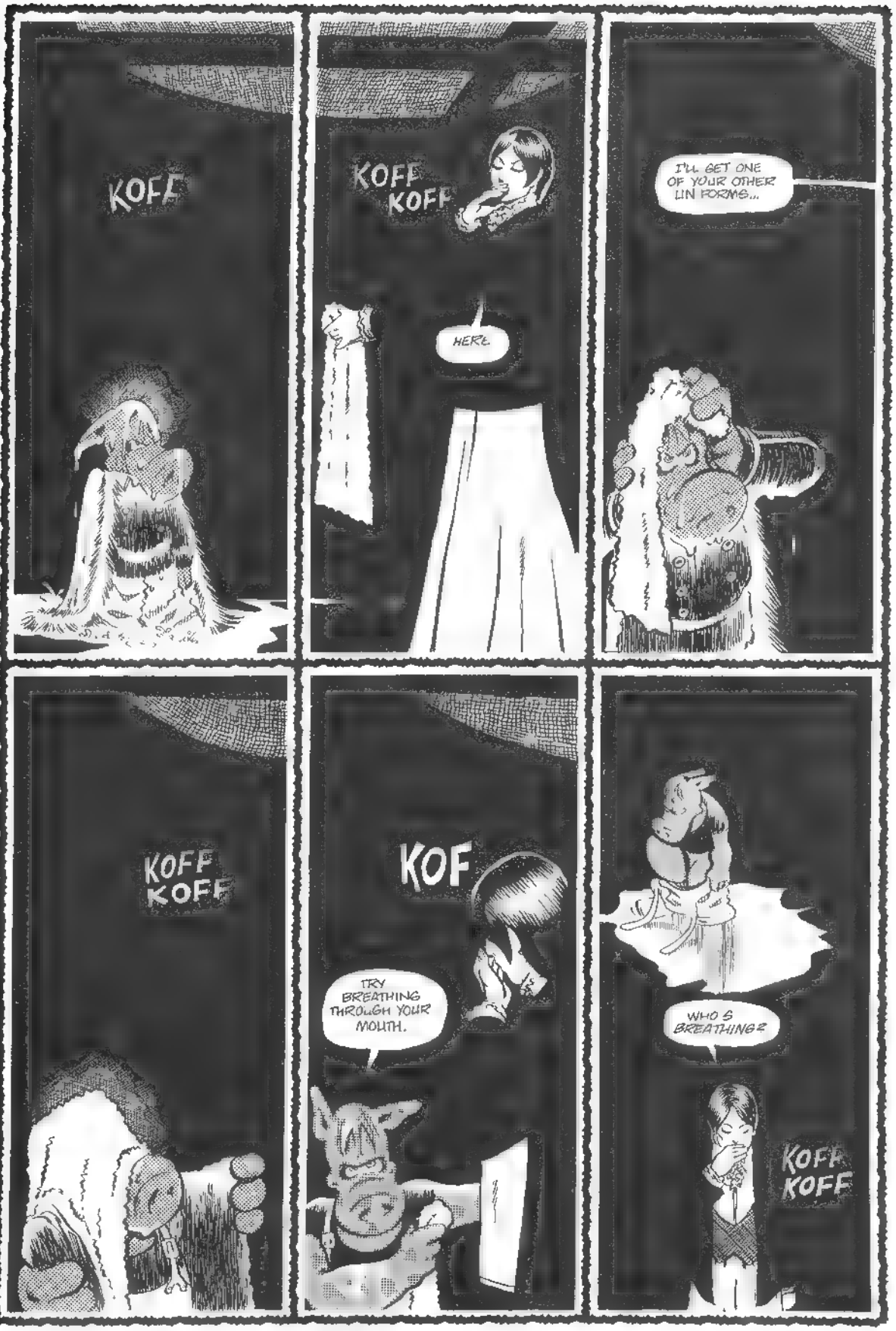

FINE... WE'LL TRY THAT THEN...
I FIGYUH D'HSIFFIES WILL WAIT TUH CROSS INTA D'LOWAH CITY...
EXCUSE ME...
IS THIS THE RESERVATION DESK FOR THE "ODE TO SPRING STARLIGHT DANCE"?
I'M FROM OUT OF TOWN.
THIS IS THE WAR ROOM OF PRIME MINISTER CEREBELLS' REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT OF IEST...
FINE BY ME...
JUST SO LONG AS I GET A TABLE FOR EIGHT BY THE LADIES ROOM...
THERE IS NO LADIES ROOM ... THIS IS...
NO LADIES ROOM, EH?
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO CRANKY...
WHOEVER IS PLAYING THE BLACK PIECES, I CAN SEE CHECKMATE IN THREE MOVES...
THIS BOARD IS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET BY THE PRIME MINISTER!..
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE...
WHERE IS THE LITTLE RASCAL, BY THE WAY?
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING THE NOISE MAKERS ...
HE'S CONFERRING WITH HIS STAFF AND HE LEFT STRICT ORDERS THAT HE IS NOT TO BE DISTURBED...
CONSIDERING HIS ENTIRE STAFF IS OUT HERE, THE CONVERSATION MUST BE PRETTY ONE-SIDED ...


FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE STAFF MEMBERS ARE RIGHT NOW INFORMING HIM THAT THE SEPRAN EMPIRE HAS OFFERED HIM A LOAN OF EIGHT LEGIONS...
SEEMS TO HAVE COME AS QUITE A SHOCK...

SOME ARCH-FIEND HAS DOPED THE PRIME MINISTER
MMM...
MM HM
MM HM
IT'S JUST AS I FEARED
SORT OF MAKES YOU WONDER WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE IF THEY'D OFFERED HIM NINE LEGIONS...
UH, UM ... HE... HE WAS...
CAN YOU HEAR ME, SIR?
NOBODY MOVE!!
AAAAA

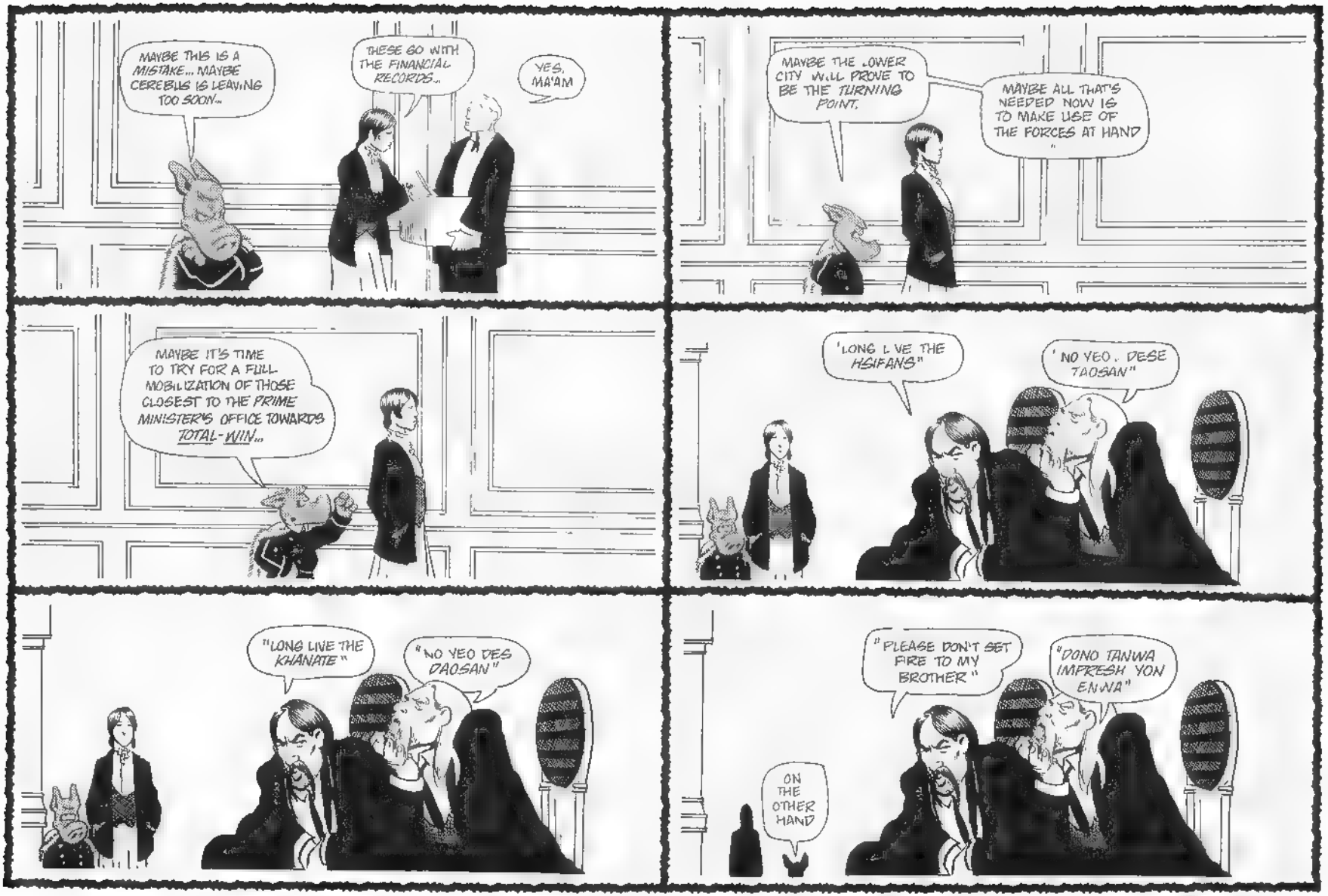

LISTEN, YOU PEOPLE--IF HE FALLS ASLEEP HE WILL DIE
WE MUST KEEP HIM AWAKE
YOU THERE! YELL AT HIM! HIT HIM IF YOU HAVE TO...
I'LL BE BACK IN A MINUTE
MR. PRIME MINI GUMP
ALL EIGHTY-SEVEN OF HIS ROACH SENSES SCAN THE ROOM FOR WHAT HE SEEKS
PING
PING
PING...
COFF COFF
AHA!
FROSTONITE IN LIQUID FORM, THE IDEAL THING...
HEY! THAT'S MY WASH BUCKET! WHAT ARE YOU...
SEIZING THE RED CLAW TROUBLEMAKER'S NOSE WITH HIS ROACH MIT, SERGEANT PRESTON MAKES IT CLEAR HE HAS NO TIME FOR INTERRUPTIONS
OW OW OW

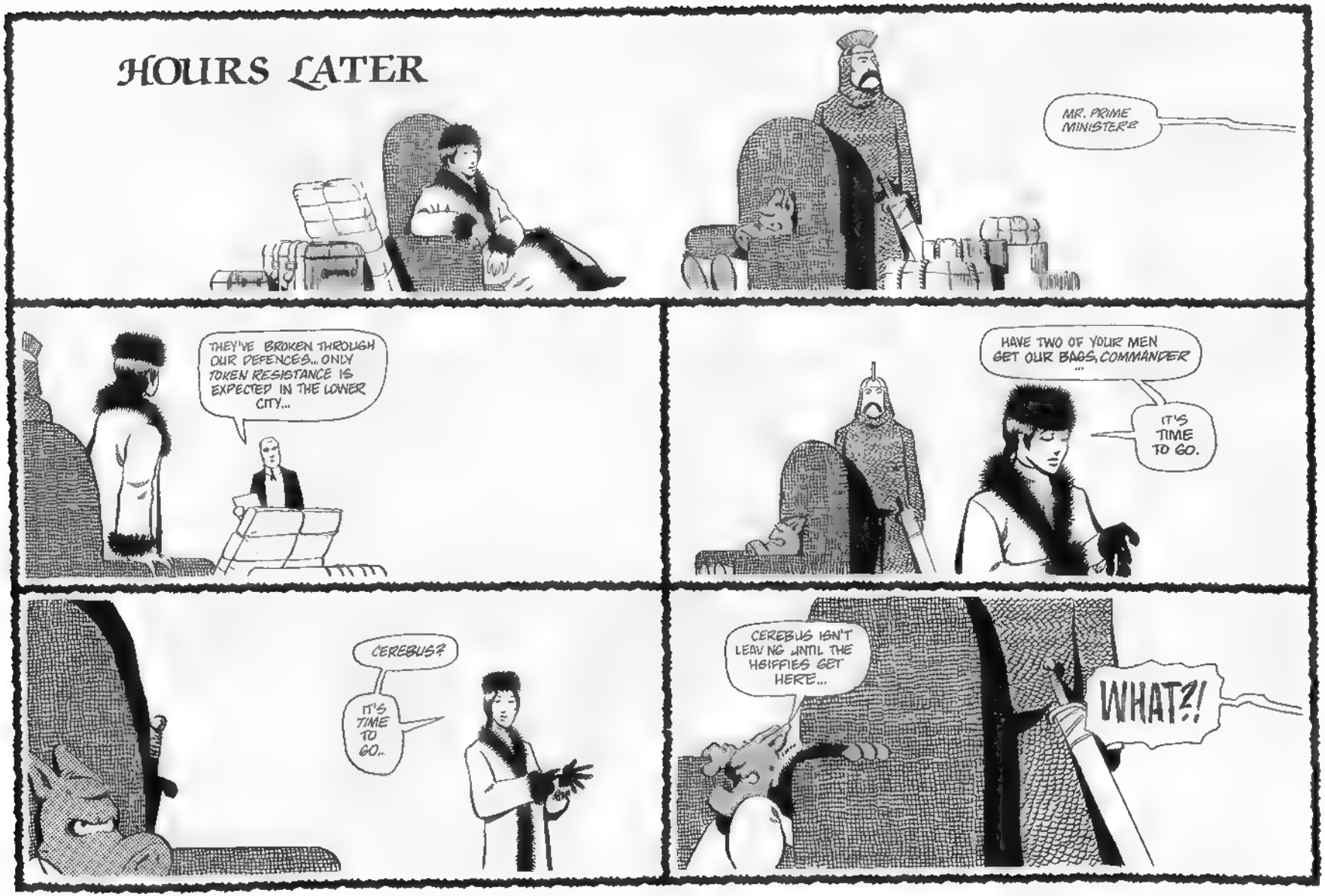

SERGEANT PRESTON WONDERS HOW LONG HE CAN MAINTAIN HIS SNIFFING HOW LONG THE SNIFFING SNIFF
THE MISCREANT RESOLVES TO NEVER AGAIN IMPEDE SERGEANT PRESTON
DO! DO! DEBER!
MISTER PRIME MINISTER!
SPLASH

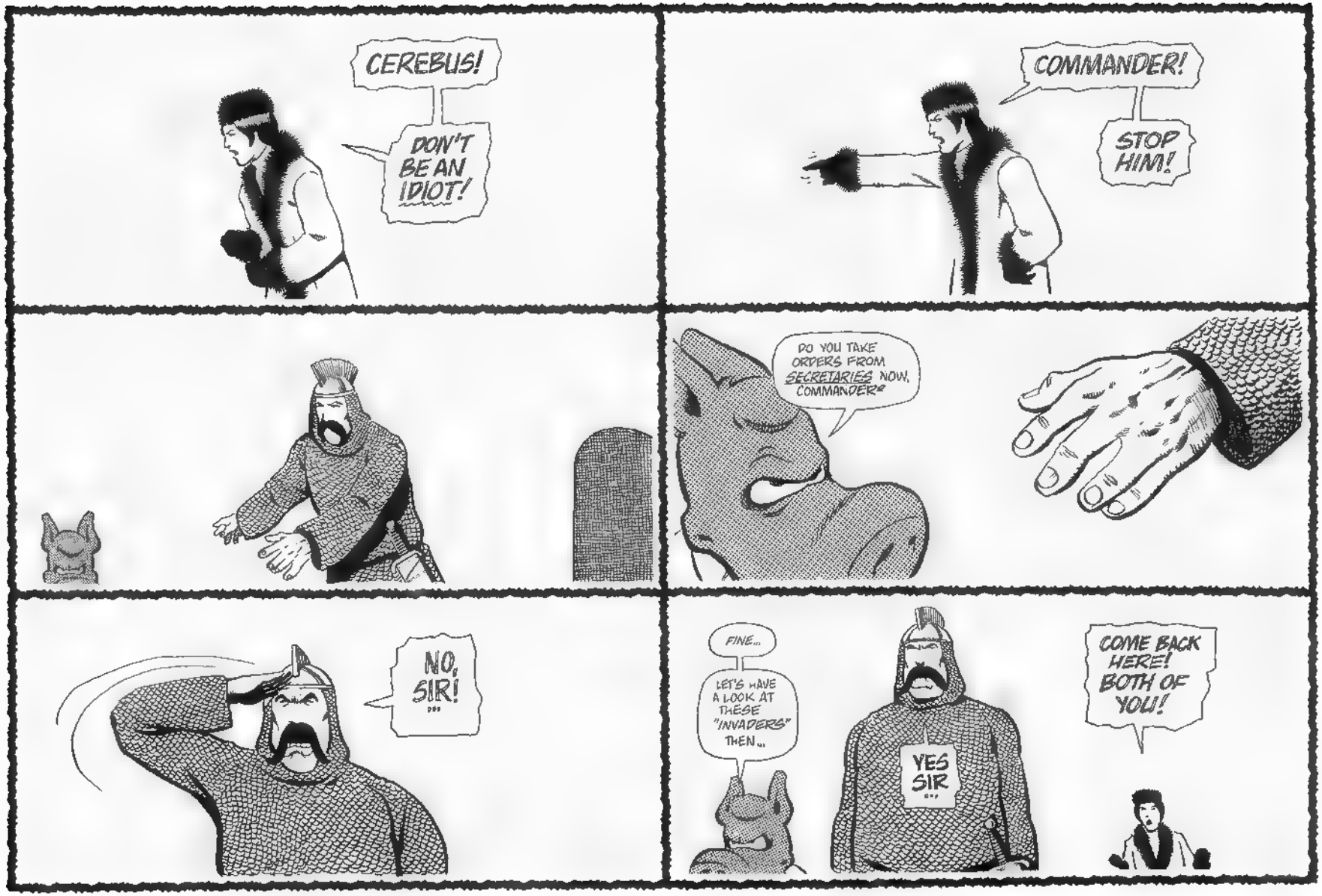

KOFF
KOFF KOFF
HERE.
I'LL GET ONE OF YOUR OTHER UN FORMS...
KOFF KOFF
KOF
TRY BREATHING THROUGH YOUR MOUTH.
WHO'S BREATHING?
KOFF KOFF

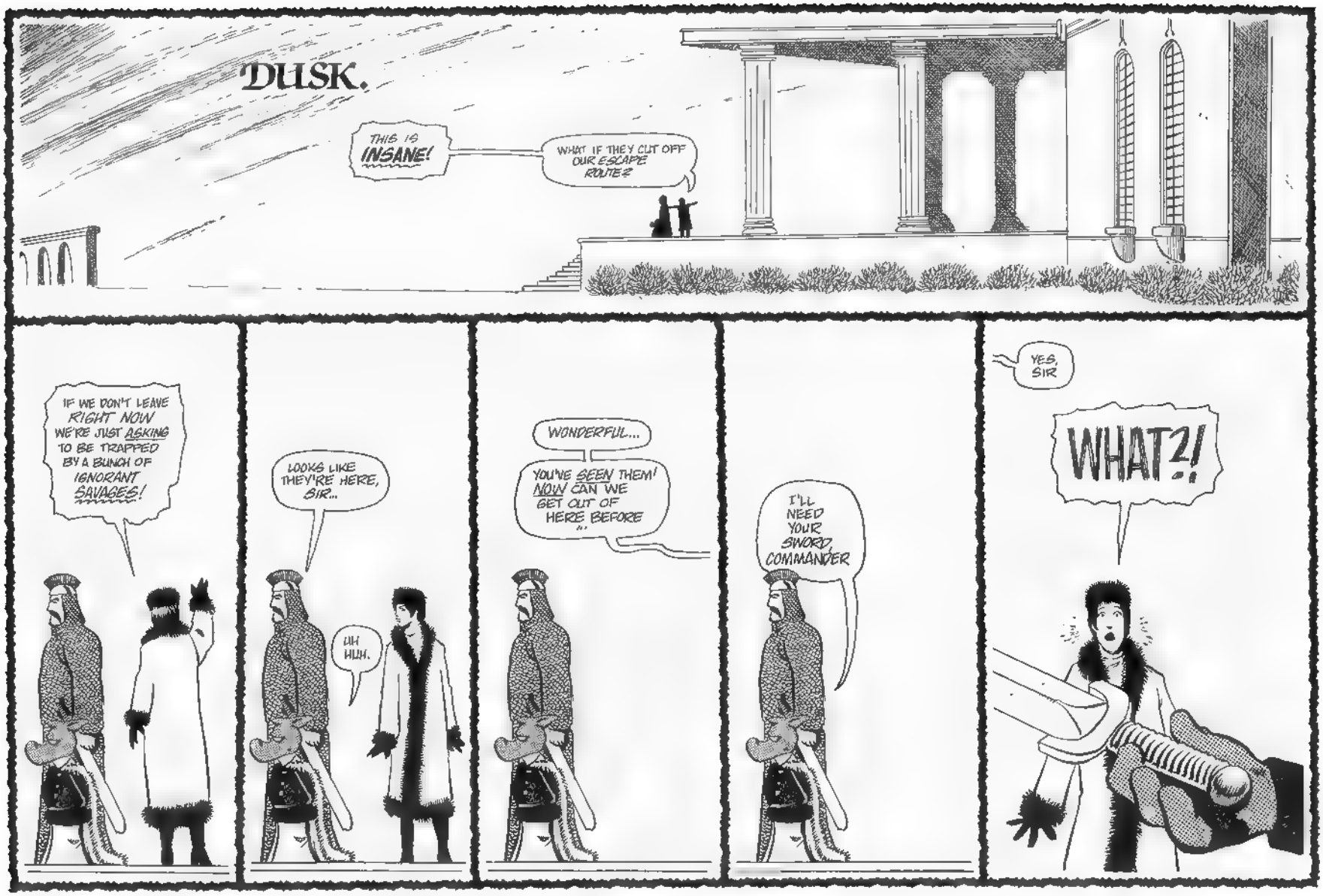
I'VE SENT A MESSAGE TO THE LOWER FELDAN GOVERNMENT, ACCEPTING THEIR OFFER OF POLITICAL ASYLUM...
WE'LL BE STAYING AT THE IESTAN EMBASSY FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS.
'EST WILL BE ANNEXED BY A COALITION OF COUNTRIES WE OWE MONEY TO.
FOREMOST AMONG THESE WILL BE THE SEPRAN EMPIRE, PALNU, NEW SEPRA AND LOWER FELDA
I BELIEVE THAT LOWER FELDA WISHES TO USE YOU AS A BARGAINING CHIP WITH THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES
FOR THAT REASON, I HAVE AGREED THAT WE WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT REGARDING OUR FUTURE PLANS
THE FELDANS HAVE AGREED THAT YOU CAN HAVE AN AMBASSADOR'S POST ANYWHERE IN ESTARCION IF THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH LORD JULIUS BREAK DOWN AND WE'RE NO LONGER OF ANY USE TO THEM...
IF YOU CAN DECIDE ON THE POST YOU WISH TO ACCEPT, I CAN BEGIN PUTTING SOME KIND OF ORGANIZATION TOGETHER IN ADVANCE OF OUR ARRIVAL
SOMEPLACE WARM...
ESHNOSOPUR, THEN...
THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY RIPE FOR REPUBLICAN CHANGE, BUT WE CAN START AT THE GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL AND WORK OUR WAY UP

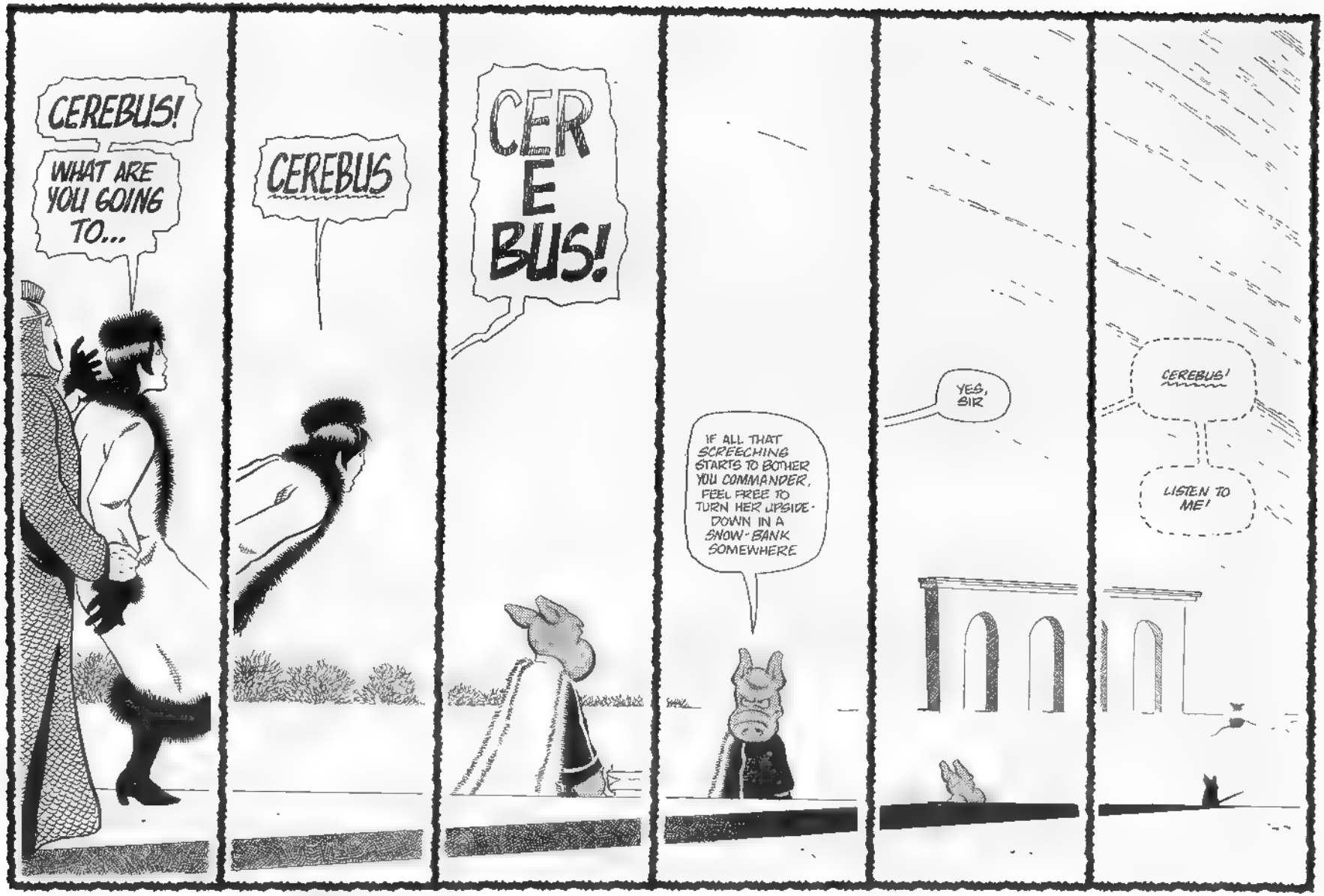
WHILE WE'RE IN LOWER FELDA, I'LL BE MEETING WITH SOME POTENTIAL ALLIES WHO HAVE CONTACTED ME..
IT WILL BE BETTER ALL AROUND IF YOU DON'T GET INVOLVED AT THIS STAGE..
I'LL MAKE AS MANY APPOINTMENTS FOR YOU AS I CAN TO TRY AND MAINTAIN YOUR IMAGE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF A GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE...
BUT I'M AFRAID WE'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ONLY A LIMITED STAFF...
AND IT WOULD BE TOO RISKY TO BRING ANY LOWER FELDANS INTO THE PICTURE TOO EARLY IN OUR STAY ...
AFTER WE'RE SETTLED THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF TIME TO ASSESS ANY LONG-TERM DAMAGE BUT MOSTLY..
MR. PRIME MINISTER?
THE FORCES IN TAGATH AND HARNE REPORT THAT THEY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REPELLED AN ATTEMPT BY THE HSIFFIES TO CROSS INTO THE LOWER CITY..
THEY REQUEST IMMEDIATE REINFORCEMENTS ...
TELL THEM THE PRIME MINISTER IS SENDING WHAT AID HE CAN AND THAT HE EXPECTS EVERY MAN TO DO HIS DUTY FOR OUR REPUBLICAN IDEALS.
YES, MA'AM..

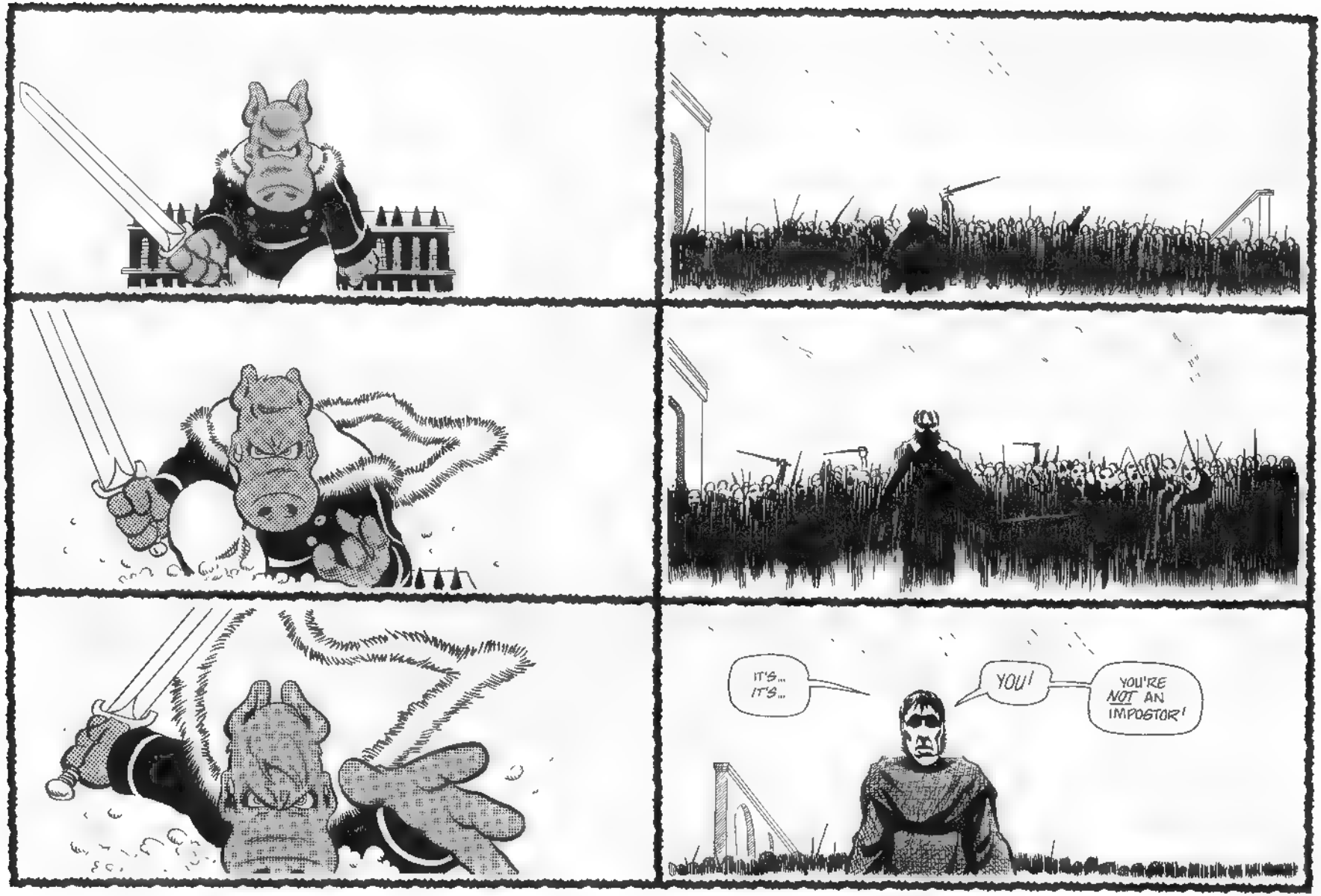

MAYBE THIS IS A MISTAKE... MAYBE CEREBUS IS LEAVING TOO SOON...
THESE GO WITH THE FINANCIAL RECORDS...
YES, MA'AM
MAYBE THE LOWER CITY WILL PROVE TO BE THE TURNING POINT.
MAYBE ALL THAT'S NEEDED NOW IS TO MAKE USE OF THE FORCES AT HAND
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO TRY FOR A FULL MOBILIZATION OF THOSE CLOSEST TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TOWARDS TOTAL-WIN...
'LONG LIVE THE ASIFANS"
'NO YEO. DESE TAOSAN"
"LONG LIVE THE KHANATE"
"NO YEO DES DAOSAN"
"PLEASE DON'T SET FIRE TO MY BROTHER"
"DONO TANWA IMPRESH YON EN.WA"
ON THE OTHER HAND


HOURS LATER
MR. PRIME MINISTER?
THEY'VE BROKEN THROUGH OUR DEFENCES... ONLY TOKEN RESISTANCE IS EXPECTED IN THE LOWER CITY...
HAVE TWO OF YOUR MEN GET OUR BAGS, COMMANDER ...
IT'S TIME TO GO.
CEREBUS?
IT'S TIME TO GO..
CEREBUS ISN'T LEAV NG UNTIL THE HSIFFIES GET HERE...
WHAT?!

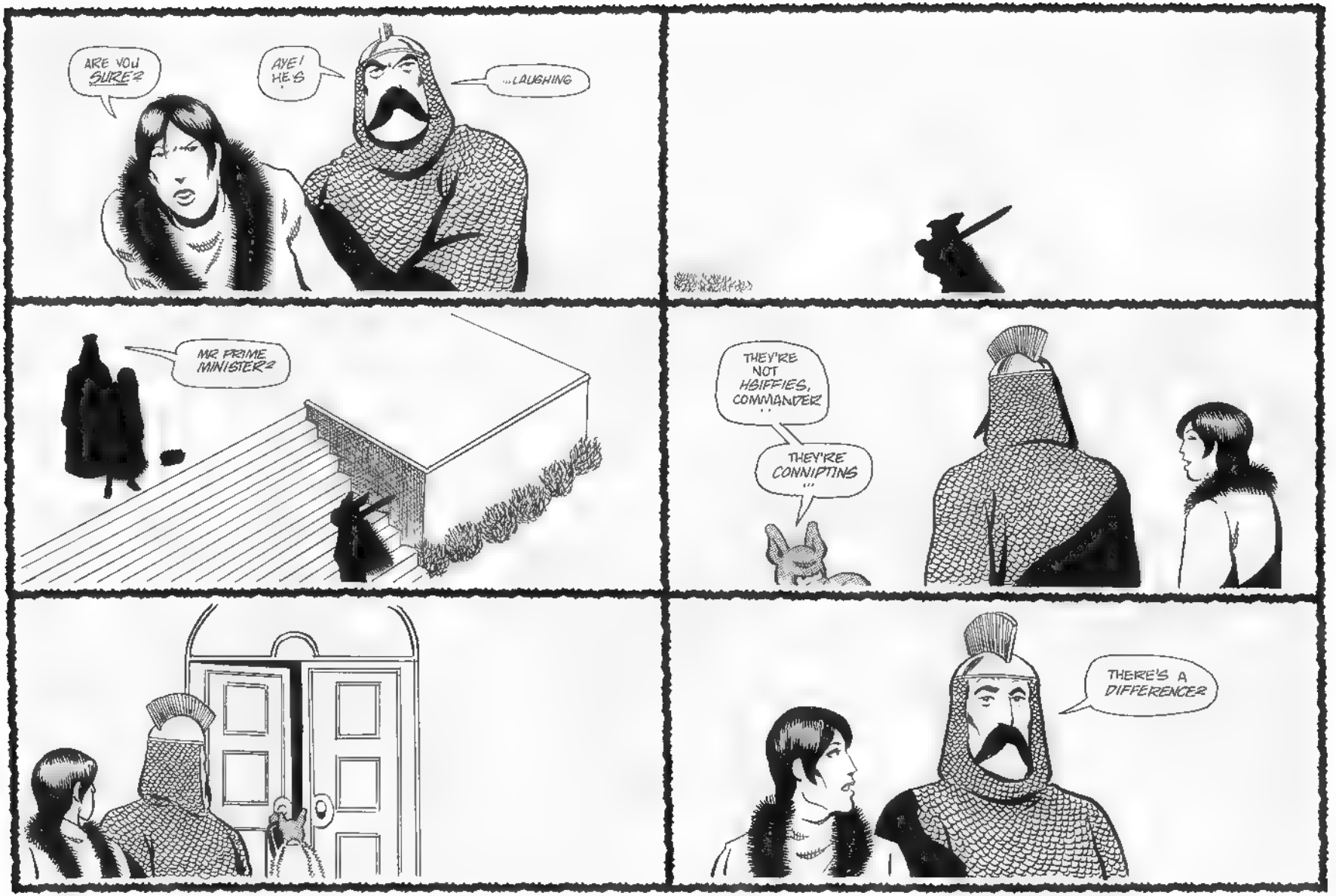

CEREBUS!
DON'T BE AN IDIOT!
COMMANDER!
STOP HIM!
DO YOU TAKE ORDERS FROM SECRETARIES NOW, COMMANDER?
NO, SIR! ...
FINE...
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THESE "INVADERS" THEN...
YES SIR ...
COME BACK HERE! BOTH OF YOU!


DUSK.
THIS IS INSANE!
WHAT IF THEY CUT OFF OUR ESCAPE ROUTE?
IF WE DON'T LEAVE RIGHT NOW WE'RE JUST ASKING TO BE TRAPPED BY A BUNCH OF IGNORANT SAVAGES!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HERE, SIR..
UH HUH.
WONDERFUL...
YOU'VE SEEN THEM! NOW CAN WE GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE "
I'LL NEED YOUR SWORD, COMMANDER
YES, SIR
WHAT?!


CEREBUS!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO...
CEREBUS
CER
E
BUS!
IF ALL THAT SCREECHING STARTS TO BOTHER YOU COMMANDER, FEEL FREE TO TURN HER UPSIDE-DOWN IN A SNOW-BANK SOMEWHERE
YES, SIR
CEREBUS!
LISTEN TO ME!


IT'S... IT'S...
YOU!
YOU'RE NOT AN IMPOSTOR!

MEN! IT'S HIM!
IT'S REALLY CEREBUS!
MIGHT FOR RIGHT
MIGHT FOR MIGHT
RIGHT FOR MIGHT
FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!



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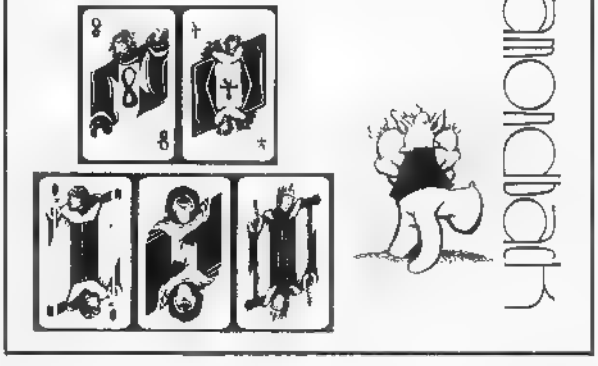

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GODBLASTED FOG!
FRIEND... YOU EVER SEE A WOLVERINE FIGHT A WOLF?
CAN'T SAY I HAVE
IT'S FIEACE! THE WOLVERINE WILL LATCH ONTO THE WOLF'S THROAT AN CHAW THERE TILL IT DROWNS IN BLOOD... STUBBORN AN' TERRIBLE
LIKE MACALISTAIRE... WHICH IS HOW HE GOT HIS NAME. RECKON WE SHOULD'VE THOUGHT SOME ON THET 'FORE WE STOLE HIS FURS AN STAKED HIM IN THE SNOW T'DIE. SEEMED LIKE SECH A GOOD IDEE AT TH' TIME.
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"WE HAD OURSELVES A HIGH OLE TIME WITH TH' FUR-MONEY, THEN WE SPLIT UP INTENDIN ON MEETIN' IN TH' FALL. IT WAS COONER WHO FIRST DISCOVERED.."

"WE HADN'T KILLED WOLVERINE MACALISTAIRE AS SECURE AS WE'D HAVE LIKED"

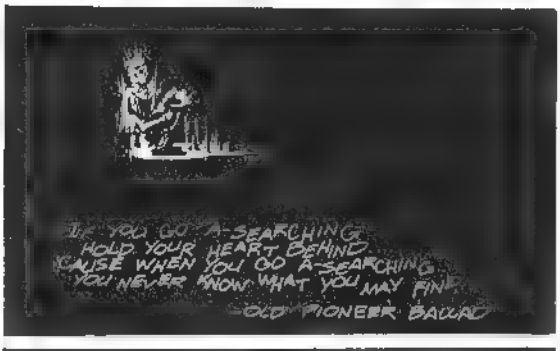
"I ALWAYS LIKED COONER. HE WAS QUICK AN' TOUGH, WITH A HONED SPINE ON HIM"

"WE COMMITTED ALL MANNER OF DEVILTRY IN TH' FIVE YEARS WE'D ROVERED TOGETHER WE WERE LIKE BROTHERS"

"HE SENT ME A MESSAGE FROM FORT DETROIT... JEST THREE WORDS "HE IS HERE"

HOWDY COONER!
GLAD T'SEE YER THUMB'S HEALED UP COONER!
I COME FOR MY PIPE AN' SAVIN-SHOES, YOU SON OF A BITCH!
"I NEVER HEARD FROM COONER SMITH AGAIN."
"NOW, HOOK ROOS WENT SOMEWHAT SOUTH AN' OFFERED HIMSELF AS A GUIDE TO TH' CEMETARY
WELL, HOOK... 'PEARS YER EAR IS DOIN' RIGHT FINE.
I COME FOR MY SHIRT AN' KIT, YOU FECKLESS BASTARD!

TWO WOLVES ARE DEAD BUT HE'LL CHOKE ON ME! I FOOLED HIM!
NOOK DIED DOWN OHIO WAY BUT I COME BACK HERE TO FORT DETROIT MACALISTAIRE'LL NEVER SUSPECT I GOT TH' SAND T'DO THET!
FROM HERE I FERRY INTO CANADA AN'...
Fplatsh
Pamo
Ghaz
I DID IT! I DID IT! I KILLED HIM!
THET SO?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HOLD YOUR HEART BEHIND
CAUSE WHEN YOU GO A-SEARCHING
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MAY FIND.
-OLD PIONEER BALLAD

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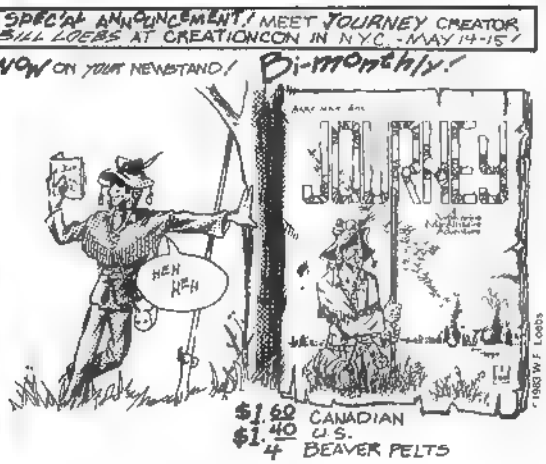

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Dear Dave

I've been reading (observing would be a better word) Cerebus for, oh, a couple of years now and have consistently watched a fairly funny comic degenerate into a comic starring an extremely ugly little character named Cerebus. His recent advance into power accompanied by a number of explicit facist political decisions are hardly funny in light of the real-life occurances in places such as Lebanon and El Salvador In fact, your comic has absolutely **no** likeable characters! They are all greedy, stupid degenerates! Well, so much for Cerebus: I'm sure that Ronald Reagan would send arms and advisors to help out Cerebus in his time of need, that's the sort of character your aardvark has become

Frank B Gerheim
1398 St Louis Avenue
Long Beach, CA. 90804

Explicitly fascist political decisions would pretty much sum up Cerebus the Prime Minister. I don't really understand your comparison to El Salvador and Lebanon, nor your attitude that such situations are not ripe for humorous treatment. On the subject of no likeable characters, I would take issue with you. I think Jaka and Regency Elf are very likeable and certainly don't qualify as greedy, stupid degenerates I also think Ronald Reagan is going to have enough trouble getting re-elected without sending military aid and advisors to a cartoon character

Dear Dent,

(In case you like to know who is writing to you, we sort of met in the East Colfax store of Mile High Comics during your stay in Denver on your US Tour I had glasses, a mustache, two "Friends of Cerebus" stickers in a 2¼ inch button, and a brilliant, wrong but brilliant, explanation of exactly why that final vote for prime minister had not been voted)

I want to thank you very much for writing me (us) what has been happening to the Cerebus Fan Club I had noticed that I hadn't received anything for a while, but was too cynical to write to complain. I've also recently been stiffed by three other magazines and in no case did it really seem worthwhile to check to see if I was really dealing with turnips. Anyway, I want to thank you for your courtesy and your explanation and am looking forward to receiving your mailings

You might want to tell Dave, that as a result of trying to understand the economic situation in Cerebus, I have a better understanding of the international economic situation in the real world (Real World? Tarim!) Also that I've just read Cerebus 47 and if I were in Cerebus' position, I'm not sure I would try to hold on until issue 50 - I'd cut and run now Also, it bears out my initial impression of Bran Mak Mufin from issue 5: "paranoid schizophrenic with delusions of grandeur" or "crazy as a Panrovian monk " Take your choice

Take care of yourself

Yours truly,

Charlie Ehrenpreis
P O Box 18539
Denver, CO 80218

Let's not forget, Charlie, that it was the "paranoid schizophrenic with delusions of grandeur" who first ventured the opinion that Cerebus should settle for nothing less than the Prime Minister's office, proving, perhaps that "delusions" are in the mind of the unbeliever (or something like that)

Dear Aardvarks

I have just started buying Cerebus and my favorite character is Moon Roach In issue 47 he was shown so much that I had to write and give you a few words of praise

Now how about this

1) Show a lot of Moon Roach every issue!
2) Give Moon Roach his own comic!

Thanks for reading this and please more Moon Roach!

Adam Gerle
4206 112 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada

1) All I've shown of Moon roach in the last while is the bottom half of his face If demand warrants I might consider showing part of this neck
2) We did give him his own comic - a copy of Detective#27 in pristine mint condition and he promptly folded the cover back so he could read it (Aaaughh!)

Dear Dave & Dent,

Regarding Laurence Matishak's "Origin of Cerebus" in the letter's page of Cerebus #47, I must say that I, too, had noted certain similarities between Cerebus and Bugs Bunny. Now, what with characters inspired by Foghorn Leghorn and Yosemite Sam populating this book, I'm just waiting for the day that you introduce an Elmer Fudd and a Daffy Duck clone I can see it now

CEREBUS (to "Elmer")
Okay, you've got Cerebus now Do you want to run Cerebus through now, or wait until you get

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Cerebus home?

"DAFFY" (jumping up and down and flailing arms wildly)
RUN HIM THROUGH NOW!!! RUN HIM THROUGH NOW!!!

CEREBUS (to "Daffy")
You stay out of this He doesn't have to run you through now!

Well, you get the idea Seriously though, you're doing a marvelous job on Cerebus. I am enjoying the High Society epic tremendously Keep up the great work

Mike Kertok
625 Nebraska Street,
Norman, OK. 73069

Be vewy vewy quiet I'm hunting aawdvawks Huhuhuhuh.

Dear Deni and Dave,

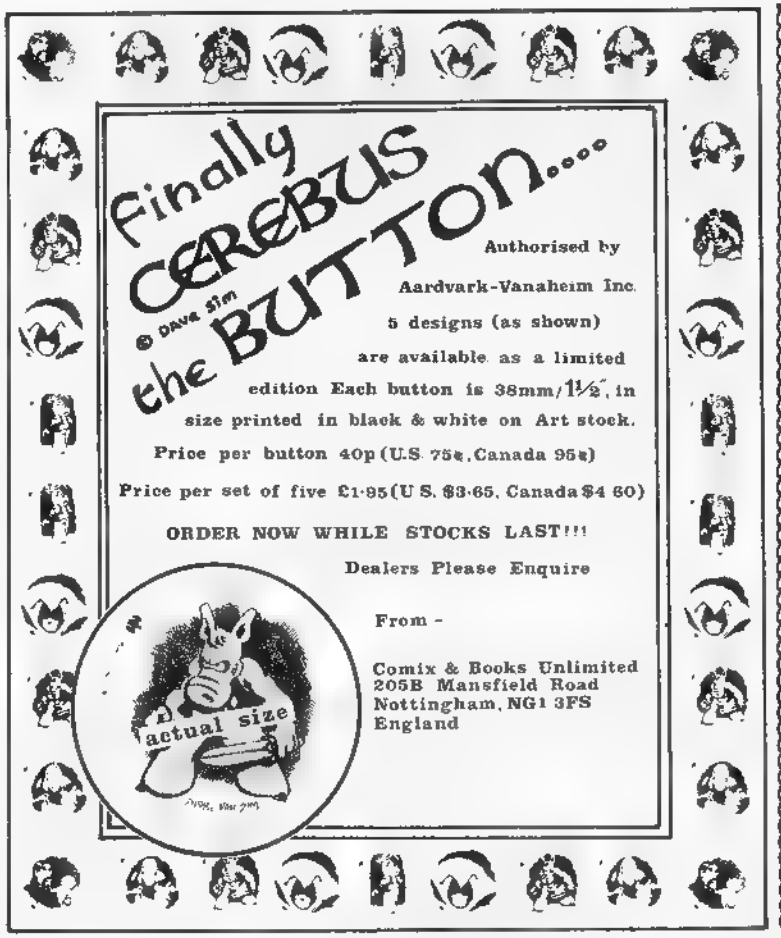
I hope you didn't take umgrage at the obnoxious LOC I sent you some months ago It was a gag, though perhaps not a well-conceived one

I've been following and supporting Cerebus since near the beginning, and it's been a consistent source of monthly joy for me. Thanks.

For real,

Jerry Biltman

Which obnoxious LOC was that, Jerry? I have trouble keeping track of them all Please don't worry. If I took umbrage at every obnoxious LOC that came down the pike, there wouldn't be any umbrage left for



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anyone else to take. Then we'd have an umbrage shortage of dizzying proportions.

Dear Dave & Deni,

Why do people mention Daredevil and Cerebus the Aardvark in the same breath? Maybe it's just me, but in my opinion DD's not half as funny as Cerebus

I thought I'd better write to tell you that while you were away on tour someone knocked your drawing board on its side. #44 was great, except for the fact that there was no note from the publisher. I enjoy reading Deni's notes just the same as Dave's intros to the stories in the Swords Volumes. Speaking of which, this is one Cerebus fan who will continue to buy "Swords" even when I already have the stories they contain. I don't wish to sound gushing or anything but Cerebus the Aardvark is the best comic around at the moment. That may be just my opinion, but it's the only one I've got.

Stay young,

Graham P. Cousins
217 Haghview,
Vigo Village, Meopham, Kent

Thank you for your kind words, Graham, about Swords of Cerebus. It has become something of a thorn in my side between the people who are happy with what it contains and those who feel cheated by paying $5.00 for a bunch of reprints and a new story. There will, in all probability, be only two more Swords volumes (five and six). This will make the first twenty-five issues available for those who missed out, as well as providing an economical way for others to fill in the odd issue or two they may be missing for a complete set. After that I am hoping to arrange for the first twenty-five issues to be published as a collection ("Cerebus the Barbarian") followed sometime later by the publication of the 500 page "High Society" under one cover as a graphic novel. Swords will then be allowed to go out of print. I have arrived at this decision for a number of reasons (a) the difficulty involved in keeping each volume of Cerebus in print at all times, (b) the convenience of being able to introduce new fans to Cerebus with two large volumes and (at most) two dozen back issues, (c) a manageable format for someday having all 300 issues available (a twelve volume set of 500 page hardcovers), (d) the opportunity to expand Cerebus' exposure by making it available in bookstores.

I'm afraid keeping all of the stories in print is a classic example of trying to please all of the people all of the time. We will be reprinting all of the new stories from Swords under one cover after volume six comes out, for those who haven't been buying Swords. As usual, we welcome any comments you might have on this plan.

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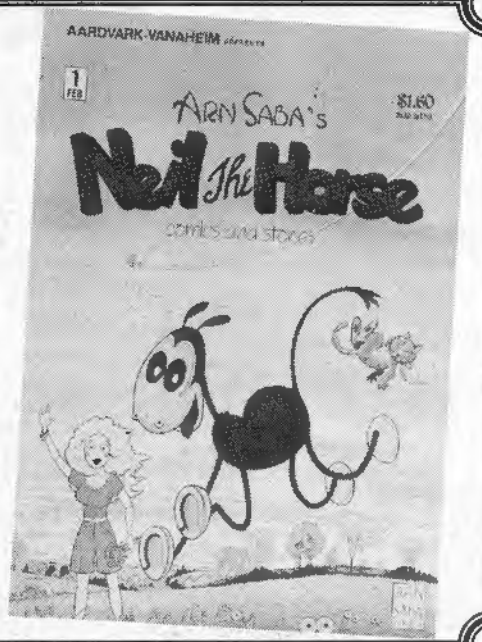

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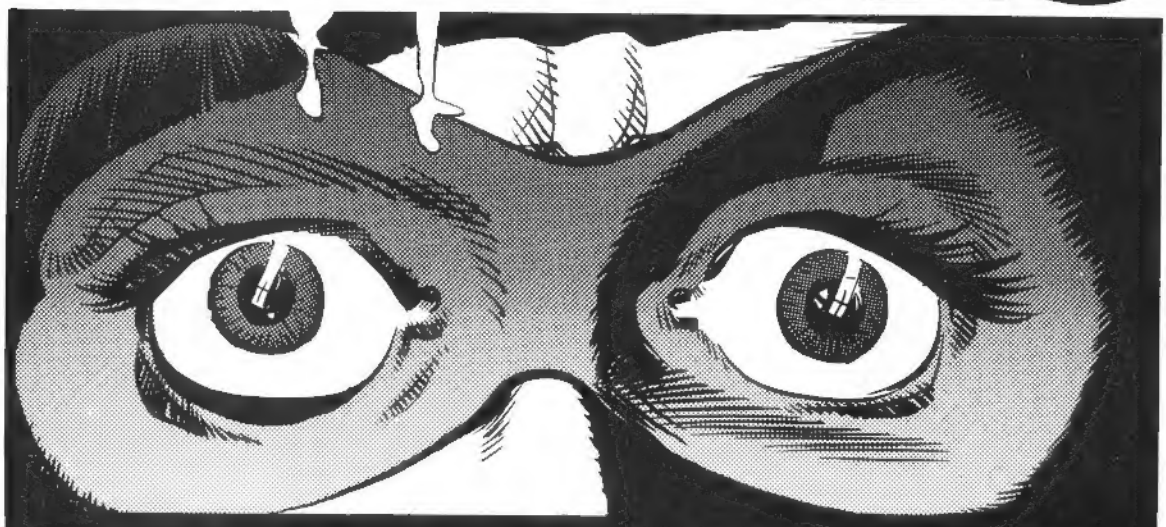

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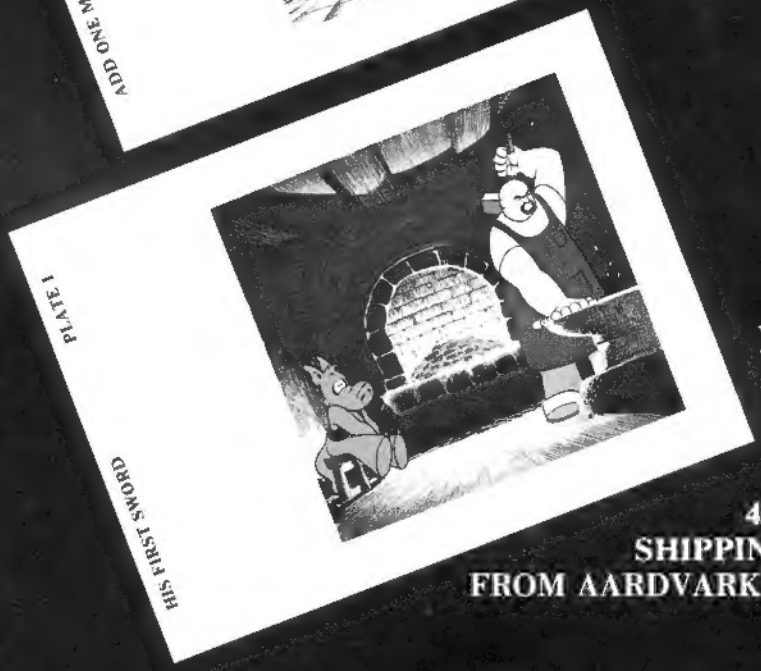

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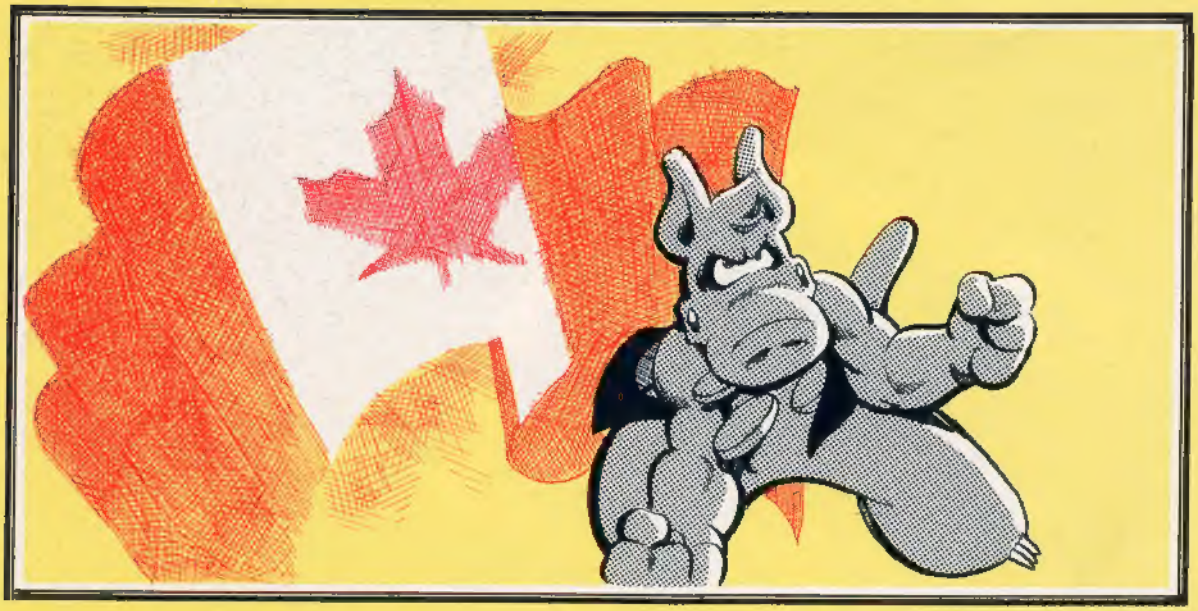

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